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This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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The **Declaration of Dr. Kevin P. Thorne** is attached after page 18 of this paper.

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